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WELCOME

Welcome to the second issue of the School of History newsletter.

Since the last edition, we have welcomed our new students to a new academic year, launched our new Friends of the School of History group, and held a very successful Alumni Reunion Day.

We hope you find this newsletter informative and interesting, and look forward to sharing some more of our achievements next time.

In the meantime I wish you a good final few weeks of term, as well as a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Professor Kenneth Fincham
Head of School

Second Alumni Reunion Day a success!



The School of History's second annual Alumni Reunion Day was a big success, with nearly 200 former students and staff arriving on campus on Saturday 11 October.

Highlights included a tour of Canterbury Cathedral, a trip on the Kent Wheel, and the chance to have memories recorded by our History Projects team. Professor Kenneth Fincham, Head of School, gave a presentation on '50 Years of History at Kent: Past, Present and Future', and a number of information stands provided details on our Gateways to the First World War Project, The Centre for Medieval and Early Modern Studies, The Centre for Political Economies of International Commerce, The Clergy of the Church of England Database 1540-1835, and DocExplore, a programme that creates interactive digital versions of historical manuscripts.

The day was rounded off with a lecture from Professor Grayson Ditchfield on '1714 – A Hanoverian anniversary', and a drinks reception. It was great to welcome so many former students and staff. The full collection of photographs from the event can be found at the School of History's [Facebook page](#).

New students welcomed at start of year

A number of events welcomed new students to the School and a new academic year.

The School held a Welcome Lecture on Tuesday 23 September for all first year Undergraduate students, followed by a BBQ. This gave students the opportunity to speak to academics, and meet their Student Mentor, as part of a new scheme launched this year.

The Start of Year Lecture took place on Tuesday 30 September. Given by Honorary Professor of the School, Jenny Uglow, on 'In These Times: Living in Britain through Napoleon's wars, 1793-1815', it was followed by a drinks reception and retirement party for Professor Crosbie Smith.



Left-right: Dr. Barbara Bombi, Dr. Karen Jones, Dr. John Wills, Professor Gaynor Johnson and Dr. Ambrogio Caiani at the Welcome BBQ

Successful Open Day for Gateways project



The Gateways team, left-right: Dr Helen Brooks, Dr Emma Hanna (University of Greenwich), Professor Mark Connelly, Dr Mark Hurst and Dr Zoe Denness

On Sunday 28 September, Gateways to the First World War held an Open Day at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich.

Bringing together a range of organisations, the event enabled the public to find out about the different projects and events commemorating the centenary. Local organisations such as Chatham Historic Dockyard and Greenwich Heritage Centre provided tasters of their research and exhibitions.

In addition, Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) projects supported by the Gateways team, such as Superact's 'The Last Post' and the National Children's Football Alliance, showcased their work. A programme of free tours and lectures gave visitors insight into the First World War at sea, one of Gateways' key research themes.

More information can be found at: www.gatewaysfww.org.uk.

News round-up

The School has recently welcomed a number of new staff members. **Dr Ben Marsh** (American History), **Dr Omar Nasim** (History of Science) and **Oliver Godsmark** (Imperial History) all started with the School in September. In the upcoming year, we will also be appointing a new Medievalist, a Military historian (covering the period 1700-1900), a Tudor historian and a historian of the British Empire.

We have also recently welcomed **Rianne Dubois** as Postgraduate Co-Ordinator in American Studies, and **Dr Sam Carroll** as Community Heritage Researcher for the Gateways to the First World War project.

We will also be saying a sad farewell to some members of staff over the next few months. **Dr. Alixe Bovey** will be leaving us at the end of this term to take up her new position as Head of Research at the Courtauld Institute.

Dr. David Grummit will also be leaving in January to take up a new post at Canterbury Christ Church University. In addition, **Professor Grayson Ditchfield**, **Professor David Ormrod**, **Dr David Potter** and **Professor Crosbie Smith** retired in September 2014. Good luck to them all!

We now have a new **School of History news blog**, where you can find up to date news items and pictures from the events that take place in the school. Go to: <http://blogs.kent.ac.uk/history/>.

Friends of the School of History launches

A new group, the Friends of the School of History, was launched at the Alumni Day in October.

Friends will be invited to attend all our Open Lectures on a variety of historical topics from both our academics and visiting speakers, keep up to date with the latest news and events from the School with our alumni newsletter, and receive invitations to our dedicated Friends trips to places of historical interest, as well as enjoy social events.

The first of these will be a day trip to **Ypres** in March 2015, where Professor Mark Connelly will be giving a tour of the battlefields of the First World War.

The group is open to all former students and staff members, as well as anyone simply with an interest in the subject.

For more information see: kent.ac.uk/history/alumni or to join, get in touch with us on: historycomms@kent.ac.uk.

Dates for your diary

One-day symposium: The Christmas Truce



12 December 2014, 10am-3pm

The Gateways project will also be holding a free one-day symposium, titled 'Representations of the Christmas Truce 1914' on Friday 12 December 2014.

Professor Connelly, Dr Emma Hanna of the University of Greenwich and Dr Peter Grant will explore the ways in which the Christmas Truce of 1914 has been represented in British popular culture.

Refreshments will be provided, but please note places are limited.

See: www.gatewaysfww.org.uk for more details, or email: gateways@kent.ac.uk to book your place.

Exploring Gateways to the First World War



Friday 16 January 2015, 12-4pm

A half-day event organised with the South East Museum Development Programme to introduce the Gateways to the First World War project to museums and heritage organisations.

The day will include networking opportunities, as well as the chance to find out more about Gateways, and other First World War projects that are taking place around the county.

For more information, and to book your place, please see: www.gatewaysfww.org.uk

Congratulations to our graduates!

Congratulations to all our Postgraduate students that have now graduated! School of History MA and PhD students collected their degree certificates in the ceremony, held in Canterbury Cathedral on Friday 21 November.

Two graduates were also awarded with prizes following the ceremony in recognition of their great achievements. **Emma Purce**, who studied MA Modern History, was presented with the prize for 'Highest MA Mark Overall', and a prize for 'Highest Dissertation Mark' was awarded jointly to Emma and **Paul Ketley**, who also studied MA Modern History. The pair received certificates presented to them by Head of School Kenneth Fincham. Emma is currently studying for her PhD with us, and Paul is soon hoping to apply to do the same.



Left-right: Graduates Paul Ketley, and Emma Purce, with Dr Julie Anderson, and Head of the School of History Professor Kenneth Fincham.

Research News

Please find below a round-up of recent research and publication successes from the School. Unfortunately there's not enough room to include everything, however a full list can be found in the weekly *Research Digest News*.

Professor Grayson Ditchfield gave a talk at the Simon Langton Girls' Grammar School, and was asked to become Patron of the School's History Society.

Professor Ditchfield's chapter on the Anglo-Hanoverian monarchy appeared in the German edition of the book: 'Entwurfe und Ideale monarchischer Herrschaft in Grossbritannien unter Georg III. und Georg IV.', in *Hannover, Grossbritannien und Europa. Erfahrungsraum Personalunion 1714-1837*, ed. R. Asch (Gottingen: Wallstein Verlag, 2014), pp. 197-217.

Professor Gaynor Johnson has been invited to join the editorial board of the leading peer-reviewed journal, *Contemporary British History*. The journal publishes articles on all aspects of twentieth and twenty-first century Britain, including cultural history.

Dr Juliette Pattinson has published a co-written article 'Incarcerated Masculinities: Male POWs and the Second World War', which appeared in a special issue of *Journal of War and Culture Studies* that she co-edited with Lucy Noakes & Wendy Ugolini entitled 'Incarceration in the Second World War'.

David M. Gordon, Giacomo Macola, Bizeck J. Phiri and James Ferguson, have had their chapter 'Debating "The Rediscovery of Liberalism"' published in *Zambia: Responses to Harri Englund*, *Africa*, 84, 4 (2014), pp. 658-667.

Dr Danielle van den Heuvel has been offered a visiting fellowship at the Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia at the University of Tokyo from 22 June to 22 August 2015. She will be working with Professor Masashi Haneda, an expert of Ottoman urban history, and one of the programme leaders of Core to Core, a new global history collaborative involving Tokyo, Princeton, Berlin and Paris universities.

Dr Giacomo Macola has been selected as one of the experts entrusted with the task of evaluating applications submitted to the 'ERC Consolidator Grant – 2014'.

Dr Charlotte Sleight's AHRC project *Metamorphoses* was featured on ITN Meridian on 16 October. Catch up here:

www.itv.com/news/meridian/update/2014-10-21/the-biology-of-books/. The project will examine art and science relationships through the analysis of a 300-year old English copy of Ovid's *Metamorphoses*. Find out more about the project on our School blog: <http://blogs.kent.ac.uk/history/>

Dr. Sleight also gave a talk, 'Time travel as information technology' as part of *The Information Age* event at the Science Museum on 3 November, and was the keynote speaker at the British Animal Studies Network (14-15 Nov, University of Exeter), her paper being entitled: 'Edward Snowden and the Ant'.

Oliver Carpenter gave a paper titled, 'Emerging as a National Figure: Walter Runciman and the Rise of British Tramp Shipowners', at a Research Seminar as part of the Blaydes House Maritime History Seminar Programme at the University of Hull on 4 November.

Dr Stefan Goebel was a guest on *Newshour* (BBC World Service) on 8 November to discuss the Poppy installation at the Tower of London with architects Peter Eisenman (designer of the Holocaust memorial in Berlin) and Andy Groarke (7/7 memorial in Hyde Park).

Professor Ulf Schmidt recently published a book with Andreas Frewer (eds.), *Forschung als Herausforderungen für Ethik und Menschenrechte. 50 Jahre Deklaration von Helsinki, 1964-2014* (Köln, Deutscher Ärzteverlag, 2014). He also gave an interview for the September issue of *Lakartidningen*, the Journal of the Swedish Medical Association, about the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Helsinki and the role of the Nuremberg Code.

Professor Schmidt has also published the following chapters:

Markus Wahl, Ulf Schmidt, 'Ärzte hinter dem Eisernen Vorhang: Medizinethische Diskurse und die Deklaration von Helsinki in der ehemaligen Deutschen Demokratischen Republik, 1961-1989', in: Frewer, A., Schmidt, U. (eds.), *Ethische Herausforderungen der Forschung. 50 Jahre Deklaration von Helsinki, 1964-2014* (Jahrbuch Medizinethik, 2014), pp. 71-86.

Ulf Schmidt, Andreas Frewer, 'Geschichte und Ethik der Humanforschung. 50 Jahre Deklaration von Helsinki. Zur Einführung', in: Frewer, A., Schmidt, U. (eds.), *Ethische Herausforderungen der Forschung. 50 Jahre Deklaration von Helsinki, 1964-2014* (Jahrbuch Medizinethik, 2014), pp. 9-13.

If you have a news item, an upcoming event, or simply an idea for something you'd like to see in the next issue of this newsletter, please get in touch with

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